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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AT THE LABOR PARTY CONGRESS
AND THE QUESTION OF EGYPTIAN AFFILIATION WITH SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL

1. ISRAEL GAT, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE
ISRAEL LABOR PARTY, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT IMPRESSIVE
HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED
TO ATTEND LABOR PARTY CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 22 IN SHOW
OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE LABOR PARTY AND ISRAEL. AMONG
THOSE HAVING ALREADY CONFIRMED THEIR ATTENDANCE ARE
AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY; WILLY BRANDT; DANISH
PREMIER ANKER JORGENSEN; DUTCH PREMIER JOHANNES DEN UYL;
MITTERAND OF FRANCE; FELIPE GONZALES OF THE SPANISH
SOCIALIST PARTY; AND BAYARD RUSTIN AND MICHAEL HERRINGTON
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OF THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT. BRITAIN'S HAROLD
WILSON AND LEE KUAN YEW OF SINGAPORE ARE ALSO
EXPECTED, BUT HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED. SOME 90
FOREIGN DELEGATES, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM
JAPAN, MALAYSIA, KOREA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
CANADA, AND PORTUGAL HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED, AND

SOME 50-60 ARE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT.

2. COMMENTING ON EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S STATEMENT TO SULZBERGER THAT HE WANTED THE ARAB SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION (ASO) TO AFFILIATE WITH SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, GAT DID NOT FORESEE ANY IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS. ASO WOULD STILL HAVE TO CONVINCE SI THAT IT IS TRULY A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT. THE SI WOULD BE WARY OF CREATING A PRECEDENT WHICH MAY OPEN UP AFFILIATION TO INCREASING NUMBERS OF PARTIES WITHOUT DEMOCRATIC BONA FIDES. IF ANY ARAB PARTY WOULD NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET THE SI'S CRITERIA, IT WOULD BE KAMAL JUMBLATT'S LEBANESE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY. IN ADDITION TO MEETING THE TEST OF BEING A TRULY DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, THE ASO ALSO WOULD HAVE TO DECLARE ITS READINESS TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXISTENCE AS A STATE IN LINE WITH WELL ESTABLISHED SI POLICY. SOMEWHAT LESS STRINGENT CRITERIA MIGHT BE APPLIED IF THE ASO SOUGHT OBSERVER STATUS; HOWEVER, GAT DOUBTED THAT THE EGYPTIANS WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THAT. MOREOVER, EVEN OBSERVER STATUS WOULD REQUIRE A PRIORI ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE SI WOULD MAINTAIN ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE ISRAEL LABOR PARTY REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF ESTABLISHED STANDARDS FOR ADMITTING ARAB OR OTHER THIRD WORLD PARTIES.

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